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TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN, BC, SF

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM US TELEVISION
FILM CREW

REF: STATE I64467

1. REFTEL ADVISED THAT THREE-MAN FILM CREW FROM STATION KDKA-TV (PITTSBURGH) WAS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE GOB PERMISSION TO PRODUCE FILM OF WILDLIFE IN OKAVANGO AREA, WITH FALLBACK PREFERENCE THE KRUGER PARK OR NATAL GAME AREAS IN SOUTH AFRICA IF BOTSWANA PERMISSION AND VISAS COULD NOT BE OBTAINED IN TIME FOR JULY 14 SCHEDULED DEPARTURE. STATION NOW ADVISES THAT NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM EITHER BOTSWANA OR SOUTH AFRICA TO REQUESTS FILED IN MID-JUNE AND HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO INQUIRE AND-ASSIST.

2. STATION STRESSES NON-POLITICAL NATURE OF PROPOSED
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FILMING. CREW WOULD CONSIST OF PRODUCTION MANAGER GALEN SPIELMAN, ANNOUNCER DAVID DURIAN, AND PHOTOGRAPHER WILLIAM KERR, ALL US CITIZENS. ITINERARY REMAINS AS IN REFTEL.

3. FOR GABORONE: BOTSWANA EMBASSY SUPPORTS REQUEST

AND HAS SENT SEVERAL INQUIRIES TO GABORONE WITHOUT RESPONSE. EMBASSY BELIEVES TWO-DAY PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY IN BOTSWANA RATHER THAN ANY SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM IS HOLDING UP DECISION, WHICH IT CONSIDERS LIKELY TO BE MADE BY STEENKAMP OR TIBONE. PLEASE INQUIRE REGARDING STATUS OF REQUEST AND IF POSSIBLE FACILITATE.

4. FOR PRETORIA: STATION ORIGINALLY APPLIED FOR WORK PERMITS BUT HAS NOW DECIDED THAT NO FILMING WILL TAKE PLACE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IS REQUESTING ONLY TRANSIT VISAS AND PERMISSION TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT TO BOTSWANA. PLEASE INQUIRE RE STATUS OF REQUEST. CHRISTOPHER

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